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For: ABSORBANCE READING APPARATUS, ABSORBANCE )  
READING APPARATUS CONTROL METHOD, AND )  
ABSORBANCE CALCULATION )  
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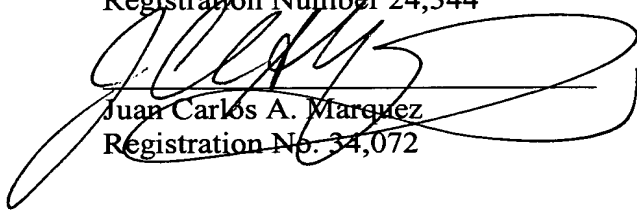
**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119  
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of the PCT application PCT/JP2003/003528, filed March 24, 2003.

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